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PRODUCTION OF VANILA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vanila is being produced in the country;

(b) if so, the details of quantity and the area of production, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any export of vanila or value added items from this produce;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have any scheme to promote vanila cultivation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a.) & (b.): No official estimates of area and production of vanilla in the country are available. However, it is roughly estimated that the crop covers total area of 1000 hectares with a production of 40 - 50 tonnes per annum in the States of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(c.)& (d.): The quantity and value of export of vanilla for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under:

Year	Quantity(tonnes)	Value(Rs. in Crores)
1999-2000	12	29
2000-2001	2.2	10.93

(e.) & (f.): The Spices Board under Ministry of Commerce is implementing following programmes to promote vanilla cultivation:

Programme	Incentive/assistance provided
1. New planting	Rs.10,000/- per hectare (2 annual instalments of Rs.6,500/- and Rs.3,500/-) towards 25% of the cost of planting and maintenance.
2. Certified nursery for production of planting material in farmer field	Rs.1,250/- per nursery towards 25% of the cost, for production target of 1,000 rooted cuttings.
3. Setting up vanilla processing units	Rs.5,000/- per unit towards 50% of the cost for individual growers and maximum of Rs.25,000 for growers association/societies for setting up 5 units.

4. Award to best growers	One first prize of Rs.25,000/- , citation and certificate; and Two second prizes of Rs.15,000/- each, citation and certificate.

Besides, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture -Supplementing/Complementing the State Efforts through Work Plans is being implemented. Under this scheme the programmes included to promote vanilla cultivation are: (i.) Production and distribution of quality planting material at 25% subsidy; and (ii.) Establishment and maintenance of demonstration plots in the farmers` field in potential vanilla growing States by providing assistance @ 25% of cost of inputs limited to Rs.500/- per plot.